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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of )  
 ) Examiner: C.M. Atkinson  
MATHUR ET AL. )  
 ) Group Art Unit: 3743  
Serial No. 10/044,870 )  
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Filed: January 10, 2002 )  
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For: SHELL AND PLATE )  
HEAT EXCHANGER )

**Introductory Comments**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003.

The Examiner has indicated that this application discloses and contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- A) The species as illustrated in Figures 1-12.
- B) The species as illustrated in Figures 13-15.
- C) The species as illustrated in Figures 16-17.

The Examiner has also indicated that Applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants have also been advised by the Examiner that a reply to this requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected consonant with this requirement, and a

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listing of all claims readable thereon, including any  
claims subsequently added.